

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 23rd March 2014

82nd IRTS AGM 2014

Today Sunday 23rd March 2014 the 82nd IRTS AGM will take place at the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway. The usual radio trade show will also take place.

New Counties Contest

The Society runs four Counties Contests every year, two on HF (80 metres) and two on VHF (2 metres). The success of the 40 metre radio news, given the number of call-in stations to that service, shows that this band is also very popular with members, so the Society has decided to pilot a 40 metre Counties Contest this year: the date is Sunday 18th May, from 12:00 to 15:00 UTC and there are sections for fixed stations and portable stations, using SSB only or both SSB and CW; there is also a section for Shortwave Listeners. As with the existing counties contests, the 32 EI and GI counties are multipliers.

In order to encourage overseas participation in our HF Counties contests, a separate award is available in each section for overseas entrants. It is likely that callers to EI and GI stations may be interested in Worked All Ireland details, so participants are advised to have their WAI square information to hand.

See www.irts.ie/contests for more details, including the Rules and the deadline for logs. Note in particular the rules about frequencies and modes.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR

The AGM of the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society will be held this year on 2nd April 2014 at the Club house, 'Larkin House' 116 Castletown Road, Dundalk. All members are encouraged to attend. News members always welcome. Check out our website, ei7dar.com.

South Dublin Radio Club

Next Tuesday 25th March the AGM of South Dublin Radio Club will take place and will commence at 8pm. All members are requested to attend.

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 22nd May in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 30th April. Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are now available on the Downloads section of the website at www.irts.ie/downloads These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination

ADRAD Kayldall DMR Contest

Saturday 7th June 2014 will see the DMR Contest commence at 1300UTC and end 1900 UTC. The object of the contest is to work as many European stations on UHF as possible. Kayldall is the Association for Amateurs in Luxembourg. Contact can be made by email on lx3pr/at/ adrad-kayldall/dot/lu.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The March meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday 31st of March at 8.00 p.m. and as always new members and anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend. You can also follow SEARG on Facebook and on Twitter. www.searg.com

Attempt for 2m Transatlantic QSO

A record-setting Transatlantic 2m QSO will be attempted continuously for one week from Pouch Cove, Newfoundland, Canada this summer, July 4th to 12th. Marconi successfully transmitted across the Atlantic in 1901. Visit www.brendanquest.org for more details.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed

news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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